

BETTER BABIES' CONTEST PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Mothers of All Classes Are Gathering Instructions in Care of Infants.

JUDGING CAREFULLY DONE

Weight, Physical Development and General Condition of More Importance Than Mere Good Looks. Plans to Reduce Infant Mortality.

Mothers of all classes are taking advantage of the better babies' contest at the State Fair, according to Mrs. William A. Burress, president of the Richmond Federation of Mothers' Clubs, under whose auspices the affair, the first of its kind in Virginia, is being conducted.

"It is proving much more successful than we had dared to hope," said Mrs. Burress. "Not only women whose financial situation is poor, but many mothers of families in extremely prosperous circumstances are bringing their children to us for advice. And I may add that they are the most beautiful babies from a physical standpoint, that I have ever seen. They were really wonderful specimens."

Judging in the contest began yesterday morning, with forty-eight entries in the first class. Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, of the State Department of Health, and four local physicians conducted the examinations, which included taking the measurements upon which the scores will be based.

The judging was done in tents which have been erected near one of the entrances to the Industrial Building. Infants from six to twelve months were inspected yesterday. Each was stripped by its mother, while the physicians carefully inspected its body, took measurements of all parts, and carefully noted its weight and good and bad points.

CLOSE ATTENTION GIVEN TO PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Charts used in other States with success have been secured, and the children will be graded in accordance with these figures, attention being paid to physical development. Necessarily it takes time to grade each child, and the winners will not be known until Friday afternoon, when, if possible, the awards will be made.

Children from two to three years of age will be judged to-day. They comprise the third class, but were brought in out of turn on account of the large crowd which is expected to-day, in order to avoid the possible injury or harmful effects to the smaller children. Infants from one to two years of age will be inspected to-morrow.

Not a visitor passes through the Industrial Building without stopping to see the exhibit which has been so attractively arranged by the federation. Much interest is displayed by mothers in the model layette for baby's bath, the model crib, model clothing and other model accessories. Three nurses are on hand daily to give advice to mothers, and to show them how to raise their children in the ways of health.

SHOW HOW CITY DEALS WITH INFANT MORTALITY PROBLEM

Dr. Flannagan is deeply interested in the work of the federation in its attempt to raise the standard of babies. Spoken on the subject, he said:

"Such an undertaking has a double benefit. It directly helps the civic standards of Richmond. It also gives the State another example of how a city deals with infant mortality as a municipal problem."

To-day to assist in the judging, Dr. W. H. Street will be on hand to inspect the teeth of the children. He will be assisted by three other physicians.

The success of its first contest has emboldened the officers of the federation seriously to consider the advisability of having similar ones in the various school districts of the city. The purpose of the scheme is to have the mothers learn the imperfections of their babies, so that steps may be taken to eradicate them. It is purely educational in its aims, but prizes are given as a stimulus. The prizes, as well as the articles used in the exhibits, were all loaned by local merchants.

More than 200 babies have been entered, many from out of town. The examinations take place in tents erected just outside the entrance of the building, nearest to the demonstration booth. Among the doctors and nurses co-operating are: Miss Coralle Johnston, Miss Snyder and Miss Miner, Dr. Cullen Pitt, Dr. McCallie Newton, Dr. E. M. Rosebro, Dr. W. S. Preston, Dr. N. T. Bennett and Dr. St. George Grinnan.

VERDICT FOR \$3,000

Jury Awards Damages for Accidental Death of Child.

After deliberating until after midnight, a jury in the Hustings Court, Part II, this morning brought in a verdict of damages in the sum of \$3,000 in the case of Charles E. Davidson, administrator of George Davidson, the five-year-old son of Mrs. Lucy Davidson, of 1236 Ashland Street, who was run down and killed by a street car on March 26, against the Virginia Railway and Power Company. The accident was a peculiarly distressing one, the child having been killed before its mother's eyes. It was dead when the heavy car was moved from its slight body.

Judge Wells pressed the case forward yesterday, court attendants wishing to attend the State Fair to-day. The argument began at 8 o'clock last night and lasted until after 11. The jury returned its verdict at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The action was for damages in the sum of \$10,000. The car company contended that the child ran in front of the car, and that the accident was unavoidable. The plaintiff held that the motorman did not have proper control of his car, and that negligence was shown. Motion to set aside the verdict will be argued later. Mr. Davidson was represented by Attorney Hunsdon Cary, and the street railway company by General Attorney A. B. Guilgon and Thomas P. Bryan.

DO YOUR BANKING EARLY

Banks Ask Public's Co-operation to Allow Employees Some Holiday.

In order to give employees of banks an opportunity to visit the State Fair, this afternoon—Richmond Day—customers have been requested to do their banking business as early in the day as possible.

The occasion not being a legal holiday, all banks will be forced to observe regular banking hours. Paying and receiving tellers will be at their windows as usual. However, if the public will co-operate, it is pointed out, many of the employees in each bank will be enabled to get away from his work at an early hour, and will have a chance to enjoy the day with his more-fortunate fellow, who has been granted full, or at least half-holiday.

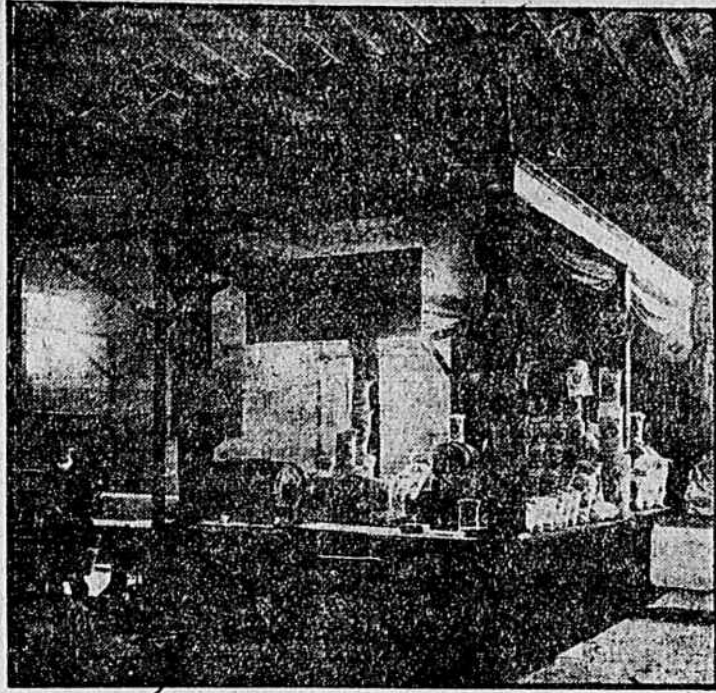
Knights of Columbus to Elect Officers.

Officers will be elected to-night at a regular meeting of Richmond Council No. 885, Knights of Columbus, which will be held in the hall on Grace Street at 8:30 o'clock. A vote on an amendment to the constitution will also be taken.

Commissioner of Deeds.

A commission was issued by Governor Stuart yesterday to Fred M. Leonard, of Philadelphia, Pa., appointing him Commissioner of Deeds for Virginia in the State of Pennsylvania.

Exhibits You Should See at the State Fair



(Photo by Faris.)

Above is the original display prepared by A. S. James to bring before the housewives of Richmond that peer of superlative flours—

SEAL OF MINNESOTA.

Every hour there will be a drawing, at which a bag of this celebrated flour will be given away free. The woman who misses this drawing may miss a bag of flour, but the woman who fails to get acquainted with Seal of Minnesota misses a lifetime of delicious bread, cakes, biscuits, etc.



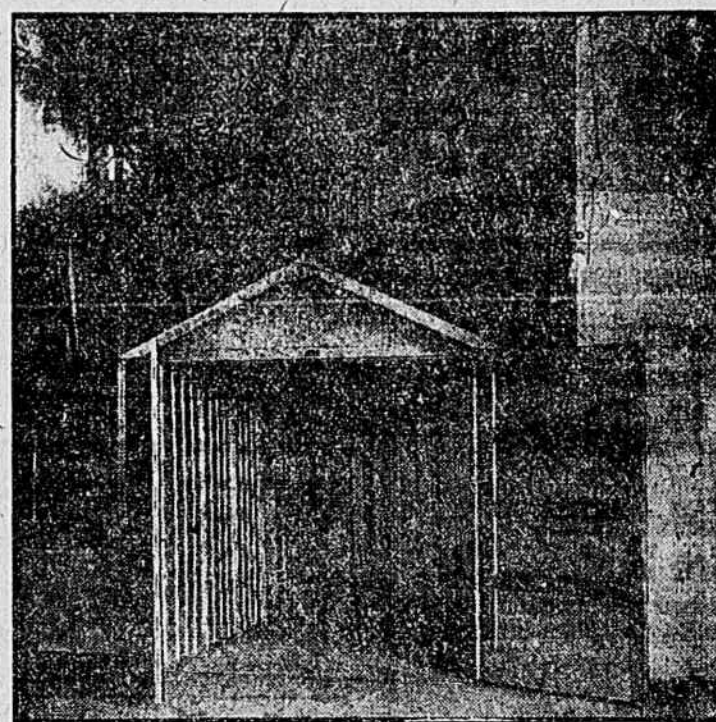
(Photo by Faris.)

If there is a display of supreme interest to housewives, it is this display of the

FRANKLIN SUGAR REFINERY.

In addition to the tasty arrangement of cartons of this superior cane sugar, there are exhibits showing the various stages of making the finest and purest sugar made. In every portion of the refining the most sanitary methods are used, and the carton contains the net weight marked on the package.

Free Samples Sugar Given Away—Drawings Daily.



(Photo by Faris.)

VIRGINIA AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY.

The man who has no private garage should, by all means, see the exhibit of the Virginia Auto Supply Company in the Industrial Building. Here a complete garage is on exhibition, as shown in the above illustration. These garages are portable, are strong, well made and are fire and waterproof. All glass, locks and hardware are furnished. Prices, \$89 and up. Virginia Auto Supply Company's headquarters are at 605 West Broad Street.



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THE CHEMI COMPANY.

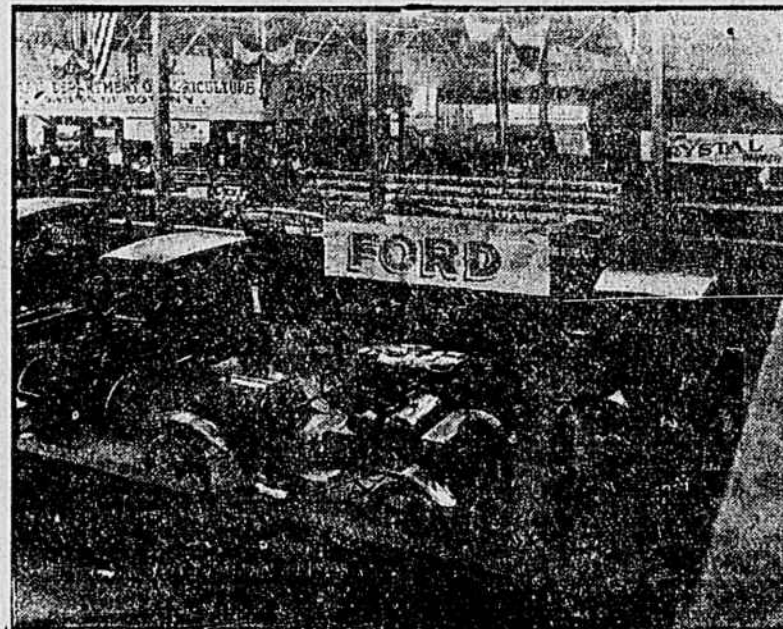
This splendid exhibit is one you should see without fail, whether you have an auto or not. If you have no car, then be sure to tell your friends who have. The Chemi Company's exhibit is located at the main entrance to the Industrial Building and contains everything of interest to the motorist. The gentlemen in the booth will be glad to show or tell you about anything on exhibition. The Chemi Company's large store is located at 629 East Main Street.



(Photo by Faris.)

E. A. SAUNDERS SONS CO.

are well represented at the fair. The House of Saunders is famous for their "Monogram" brand products, "Virginia Dare" Coffee, "Dolly Varden" Flour, and many other delicious and wholesome food products. You must not miss this attractive display in the Industrial Building. It is located near the centre of the building—you can't miss it.



(Photo by Faris.)

KAehler MOTOR COMPANY.

If you are interested at all in motor cars, you must be sure and see the exhibition of the

FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

They have several beautiful Fords at their booths in the Industrial Building. They will be glad to show you anything about them, whether you intend buying or not. Learn something about motor cars. They say "business is fine," and the crowds around their booth bear witness to the fact.



(Photo by Faris.)

PARTIN-PALMER, THE WONDERFUL CAR.

Above are shown two cars that are destined to create a sensation in Richmond. They are newcomers, and are being introduced by Mr. Clayton and Mr. King. The Partin-Palmer "28" sells for \$975, 35-horsepower, 6-passenger, and the Partin-Palmer "20," \$495.

Be sure to see these two splendid cars while in the Industrial Building. Mr. Clayton will be glad to explain all about them.



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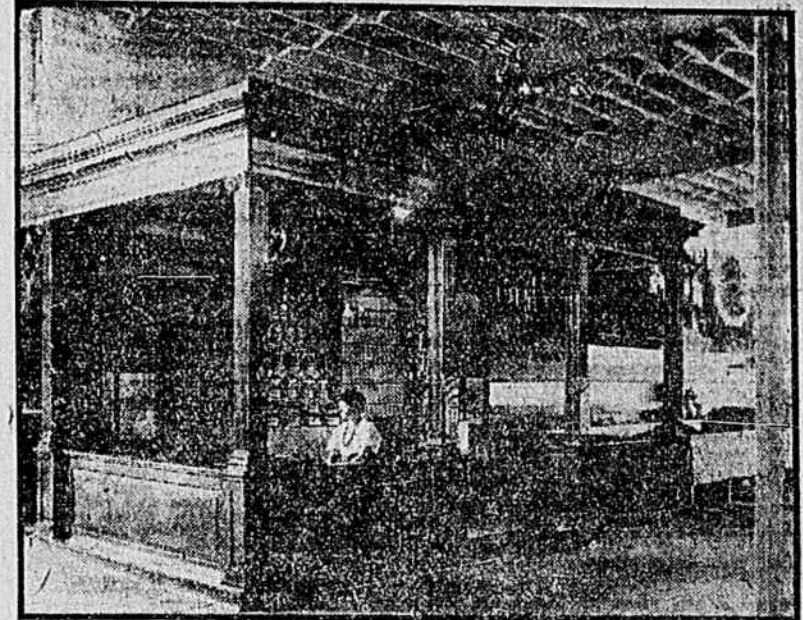
Be Sure to See the

DUNLOP EXHIBIT AT THE STATE FAIR.

Prizes of seasoning—case containing pepper and salt—every hour to visitors. Housekeepers on four continents testify to the goodness of

DUNLOP FLOUR.

The big mills which furnish a market for Virginia-grown grain are grinding every day 12,000 bushels of wheat—the harvest of 640 acres. They help make business good in the South. Be sure to register at the Dunlop Booth, Industrial Building.



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C. F. SAUER'S EXHIBIT.

Above is shown the exhibit of the C. F. Sauer Company, famous for its flavoring extracts. They are makers of flavors for every purpose. Fifteen highest American and European awards for purity, strength and fine flavor. This beautiful exhibit is situated at one of the entrances of the Industrial Building.



(Photo by Faris.)

Here's the display that proves beyond doubt that you can produce BIGGER CROPS WITH VIRGINIA-CAROLINA FERTILIZERS.

There are samples of corn, tobacco, potatoes and other crops that do the farmer's heart good. There are interesting exhibits of pyrites from Louisa County and from Spain, potash from their mines in Germany, cotton seed from the South, nitrate of soda from Chile, blood tankage and bone from the Western slaughter-houses, fish scraps from the Eastern Coast—

All the Very Best Materials for Making a Good Fertilizer.



(Photo by Faris.)

See our exhibit in the Industrial Building while seeing the Virginia State Fair and test the high qualities of Royal Club Coffee, Stoke's Every Day Coffee and Occident Flour. These appetizing products served each day: hot rolls, biscuits and coffee, free.

Look for the Name, W. H. HARRIS GROCERY COMPANY, THE QUALITY BOOTH.



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LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

John G. Walker, President.

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